

LDMS TROJAN TIMES

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PTA FOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendars: Fill the Fridge! Last year the LDMS community came out in a big way to donate 782 pounds of food, equal to 651 meals! We will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishables for the RARA Food Pantry during the week of November 4-8. The grade level that brings in the most donations will win a snow-cone party!

Winter Sports

Our basketball season officially gets underway on November 12th with girls' and boys' games at Maury River Middle School. From that point on, we will have a game or two per week through mid-January. Please come watch our basketball players play and our cheerleaders cheer. Go Trojans!

CTE Fair

Friday, November 8th, our 8th grade students will go to Maury River Middle School for a career and technical education fair where they will learn about the CTE course offerings at RCHS.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November is a time when people often reflect on the things for which they are thankful and in so doing realize how fortunate they are. As I stop and reflect, I realize how fortunate I am to serve such a wonderful community and school with supportive families and delightful students. I am thankful to be a Trojan!

Matt W. Kauer

LDMS SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

Veterans Tea

On Monday, November 11th, all 6th grade students will walk downtown to take part in the Veterans Day Ceremony at Courthouse Square. Later that day in the LDMS cafeteria, the sixth grade students will host the annual Veterans Day Tea. This event provides our students with the opportunity to honor our local veterans and interview them to learn how their service has influenced our country's history, as well as the veterans' lives.

If you know of a veteran who would like to be invited to participate, please contact Carol Koch at ckoch@lexedu.org. All past participants have been invited, but we are eager to add to the invitation list and ensure that all local veterans are included.

There are many ways you can help make this event successful. We will need parent volunteers in the morning and afternoon, and plenty of food for our veterans and students to enjoy. Sign-up to help at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4dacad28a20-ldms1>

A Midsummer Night's Dream

On the morning of November 5th, our entire school will go to Lenfest at W&L to see William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This exciting opportunity will allow our students to experience the theatre and introduce them to Shakespeare.

PTA News

The Career Fair was a big success! Thank you to the parents and community members who came and shared their career experiences with our students.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and shopped at our fall Book Fair! Mark your calendars for the spring Book Fair April 20-24.

Don't forget to order your LDMS Spirit Gear! LDMS Ts and sweatshirts make great gifts and we now have reusable water bottles and shopping bags with the LDMS logo! Use this link to order online! tiny.cc/LDMSorder

LDMS Goes Green! Let's bring a smile to the world! Did you know that the American Dental Association suggests that everyone replace their toothbrushes every 3-4 months. At that rate, brushers in the US would use 1 billion toothbrushes each year. Now you can recycle your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, dental floss containers and all the packaging that comes with them! Stay tuned for more information about trading in your old toothbrush for a brand new one!

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 8:30am in the Conference Room. Please come if you are able or contact one of the Board members if you have comments or questions.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 November: LDMS to see *Midsummer Night's Dream*
8 November: 8th Grade CTE Fair at MRMS
4-8 November RARO/Beta Food Drive
11 November: Veteran's Tea
12 November: 5:00 Basketball @ MRMS
14 November: 5:00 Basketball @ Clifton
18 November: Interim Reports Sent Home
19 November: Boys' Home Basketball Vs. Covington 5:00
22 November: Lockdown Drill 2:00
22 November: Dance Sponsored by Cheerleading
25 November: Spanish Class field Trip to Richmond
26 November: 1:00 Closing
26 November: Home Basketball Vs. Clifton 5:00
27-29 November: Thanksgiving Break
2 December: Girls' Home Basketball Vs. Ridgeview 5:00
4 December: 2:15 Fire Drill
6 December: Lexington City Christmas Parade

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